

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

In the Claims

1. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a binder;
a coating surrounding said seed;
and a dye and/or pigment within and/or on said coating.
2. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of changing colors based on the acidity of soil.
3. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of changing colors in response to the moisture content added to the soil.
4. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of changing colors depending on the chemical content of the soil.

5. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
a seed;
a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
said dye being capable of deterring animals from eating said seed.
6. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is selected from a group consisting of acid, basic and/or direct dye concentrates.
7. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is fluorescent.
8. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is an environmentally friendly chemical composition
9. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye comprises glycerin and/or water and a colorant.
10. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein the coating comprises a solid material.
11. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 10 wherein said solid material is pre-dyed.
12. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said colored seed can be seen during application of said seed.
13. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said colored seed can be located after application of said seed.
14. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed is of the similar or same color of the actual plant, flower, fruit or vegetable.

15. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed has a color which assists the seed in absorbing heat.
16. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed has a color which assists the seed in reflecting sunlight.
17. (Withdrawn) A fragranced seed comprising;
 - a seed; and
 - a fragrance.
18. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in determining the acidity of soil.
19. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in determining moisture content of soil.
20. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assist as a user in determining chemical content of soil.
21. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance deters animals from eating said seeds.
22. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance is selected from a group consisting of a floral fragrance, a natural fragrance or cocoa.
23. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance is approved for use in products directly applied to the skin.
24. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance provides a scent which can take on a scent similar to a scent of a product applied.

25. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in locating said seed after application of said seed.

26. (Previously Presented) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of; a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or a combination of same; a binding agent; and a dye and/or pigment; said dye indicates to a user environmental conditions of the soil where said mulch is placed.

27. (Previously Presented) The colored mulch of claim 26 further comprising; nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium fortifiers.

28. (Previously Presented) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye indicates to a user the acidity of said soil.

29. (Previously Presented) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye indicates to a user the moisture content of said soil.

30. (Previously Presented) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye indicates to a user the chemical content of said soil.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Previously Presented) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye is fluorescent allowing said mulch to glow in the dark.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Withdrawn) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of:

a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or

a combination of same;

a binding agent; and

and a black or dark dye and pigments which heats soil where said mulch is placed when said mulch is exposed to sun light.

37. (Withdrawn) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of:

a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or

a combination of same;

a binding agent; and

a white or light dye and/or pigment which covers the entire mulch product, reflects sunlight, and reduces heating of soil where said mulch is placed.

38. (Previously Presented) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said mulch is the same or similar color of an actual plant, flower, fruit or vegetable of a seed planted with said mulch to indicate what is planted underneath the mulch.

39. (Withdrawn) A fragranced mulch product comprising:

a mulch product; and

a separate fragrance distinct from any fragrance from said mulch product;

said fragrance changing or appearing to indicate to a user environmental conditions of soil where said mulch is placed.

40. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to a user the acidity of said soil.

41. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to a user the moisture content of said soil.

42. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to a user the chemical content of said soil.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance provides a scent similar to a flower of a seed planted with said mulch.

46. (Withdrawn) A process for coloring seeds comprising:

coating said seed with a slurry, paste, or solid coating

adding a binding agent;

adding a dye to said coating either prior to said coating being added to said seed, during said coating or after said coating is added to said seed.

47. (Currently Amended) A colored mulch product comprising;

a material comprising a fiber, cellulose, clay, loam or sand and/or a combination of same;

a binding agent; and

a dye and/or pigment;

said colored mulch product produced by lifting and tumbling agglomeration operation;

said dye indicates to a user environmental conditions of the soil where said mulch is placed.

48. (Withdrawn) A colored seed product comprising:

a seed;

a binder;

a coating; and

a dye and/or pigment within and/or on said coating;

said colored seed product produced by an agglomeration operation.

49. (Withdrawn) A colored seed product wherein said color changes in response to a lack of fertilizer.

50. (Currently Amended) A colored mulch product wherein said color fades or disappears in

response to a lack of [nutrient or] fertilizer in said mulch.

51. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying a seed planted under a mulch comprising:

homogeneously blending a colorant of same color as flower of said seed before or after an agglomeration step with a mulch;

placing said colored mulch over said seed.

52. (Previously presented) A method for adjusting the chemical content of soil comprising:

placing a colored mulch on top of soil;

changing colors of said mulch based on condition of said soil;

adding chemicals to said soil based on said color of said mulch.

53. (Withdrawn) A method for adjusting the chemical content on soil comprising:

placing a fragranced mulch on top of soil;

changing fragrance of said mulch based on condition of said soil;

adding chemicals to said soil based on said fragrance of said mulch.